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Ukrainians living in the Czech Republic pay respects to victims of the violence in Ukraine at Prague's Saint Kliment Church Wednesday. For more coverage, see page 7. VIT SIMANHEK/CTK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

City hall shows Ukraine 'a huge sign of respect'

'Very tragic situation.'
Mayor Katz says the Winnipeg, Canada and Ukraine flags will stay at half-mast until Sunday

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Lowering the flags at Winnipeg city hall is "a huge sign of respect" for the victims of the ongoing unrest in Ukraine, say members of the community.

Tami Kowal-Denisenko, a Winnipegger of Ukrainian heritage whose husband was born and raised in Ukraine, said she was pleased to learn Wednesday that the flags would be at half-mast.

"It's important for the pub-

lic to see that gesture," said Kowal-Denisenko, who holds a masters in Ukrainian history.

"It's a huge sign of respect. I feel that in recent weeks, Ukraine hasn't gotten the attention of the media that it deserves with the situation that's going on there, and when I see things like that, it's an important reminder that we should be paying attention."

Denys Volkov, who immigrated to Winnipeg from Ukraine and has helped organize recent rallies, said he contacted Mayor Sam Katz's office Tuesday night to make the flags-lowering request.

"I was very pleased with the quick reaction ... so I want to thank the mayor personally and his staff for doing that," he said, adding he's cautiously optimistic that the EU's talk of sanctions will spur a speedy, peaceful resolution.

"This is a very, very tragic situation, first time in the independent history of Ukraine, since 1991, over 25 people died in the protests, in the political protests — this is unprecedented."

Katz said the three flags — of Canada, Winnipeg and Ukraine — would stay at half-mast until Sunday.

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No Family Feud for Winnipeg

The upcoming Canadian Family Feud Live! tour has been cancelled, including a stop that had been planned for Winnipeg in March.

The audience participation stage show had been scheduled for March 18.

There was no word about what led to the cancellation. Refunds will be available at the point of purchase. **METRO**

Crestview

Man in van approaches child

Winnipeg police are asking for the public's help identifying a man who asked a 12-year-old child to get into his van in Crestview Tuesday.

The child was walking along Corbett Drive around 11:15 a.m. when the man began following him, eventually calling out, "Hey, hey. Come in."

The suspect is white, with balding hair and a greyish goatee. He was wearing a dark jacket and driving a full-sized black van with no windows on the back and a black dog in the front passenger seat. **METRO**

Windsor Park

Suspects sought

Police are looking for two suspects after a Windsor Park area convenience store was robbed early Tuesday. The suspects are white, shorter in height, with slim builds, and in their early 20s. **METRO**

BBB. Executive committee nominates new CAO

Four months after a very public resignation, city officials have named their appointee for the board of BBB Stadium Inc., the corporate entity that oversaw the construction of Investors Group Field.

Up until October, former chief administrative officer Phil Sheegl was the city's representative on that board. However, Sheegl's resignation from the CAO post also led to his resignation of several board appointments.

Paul Olafson, a corporate controller in the city's fi-

nance department, was nominated during Wednesday's executive policy committee meeting.

Mayor Sam Katz said Olafson, with his accounting background, is a good candidate for the position.

"They had asked us to put someone on the BBB board and Paul Olafson was the one that was recommended by the administration and I'm sure he'll do a good job," said Katz after Wednesday's EPC meeting.

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Project Sideshow. Bust was high-tech, docs show

Court documents reveal more than 300,000 phone calls, texts and emails were intercepted by police last year in an elaborate undercover operation that used technology to crackdown on high-level drug traffickers in Winnipeg.

Project Sideshow, which began in 2012, focused on four suspects who allegedly transported cocaine, methamphetamine and ecstasy from British Columbia and Ontario for distribution in Winnipeg.

The documents released Tuesday show the messages

were intercepted, despite the fact the targets of the operation showed a high level of sophistication by using encrypted communication devices.

Video surveillance also played a role in the operation, while a court order was also sought to electronically track four vehicles and obtain banking information.

A total of 14 people who were arrested recently are facing a variety of drug, weapons and conspiracy-related charges. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

'Donation equation' a win for local charities

Property Deal Today. Tech company donates 10 per cent of profits to charities chosen by social media users



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A Winnipeg technology entrepreneur who let users on social media decide how he'd donate a portion of his latest venture's profits revealed those choices Wednesday and doled out cheques to 18 local charities.

In all, Property Deal Today founder Neil Patel donated 10 per cent of his company's gross annual revenue—\$9,700—at a special luncheon held at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre.

"I call it a donation equation ... community plus technology equals donations," explained Patel, who asked Manitobans to begin voting for their favourite charities on Twitter and Facebook in October. "We're leveraging social media — which is our technology — to interact with our community to help find donations."

Patel said some 5,000 voters helped picked the charities that received donations, which included Resource Assistance for Youth, Children's Miracle Network, and Winnipeg Pet Rescue, which took home the biggest cheque after netting just over 1,500 votes.

"We'll apply this all towards our vet bills — this is wonderful for us," said Winnipeg Pet Rescue's executive director, Carla Martinelli-Irvine, who made a public plea for donations just last week.



Winnipeg Pet Rescue's executive director Carla Martinelli-Irvine holds the cheque her non-profit received, and rescue dog Tiny Tim. **SHANE GIBSON/METRO**

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Anya Moodie-Foster, program developer at the Manitoba Museum, talks about a recreated naturally mummified cadaver, part of the museum's *Wrapped: The Mummy of Pesed* exhibit. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

There's more than meets the eye at Manitoba Museum

Behind closed doors.

Even with everything that's on display, a trove of secrets await



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Over the years, visitors to Manitoba Museum have boarded the Nonsuch, strolled through a prairie boomtown frozen in the 1920s and listened to the haunting sounds of Manitoba's barren north-land — but that's just the tip of the iceberg of what's

For their eyes only

2.8M

Between the museum's archeology, natural history, human history and Hudson's Bay collections, more than 2.8 million artifacts are stored behind the scenes.

actually going on at our province's largest heritage centre.

"In any kind of museum, there's usually less than five per cent of their collections on display," said program developer Anya Moodie-Foster, who helps organize tours of sections of the museum not normally open to the public.

"Some things are probably too fragile to be put on display but they're of great value to research, and others are being preserved more for their scientific information that can be used for exhibits."

From a mammoth tusk dug up at a Manitoba quarry and what might be the world's largest collection of narwhal skulls — that's 12 — to the tiniest insects and rodents, the museum's natural-history collection has around 200,000 artifacts stored in secure, climate-controlled conditions.

"The specimens become a record of a population of a certain species, in a certain location, in a certain time," said Moodie-Foster, noting the vast collection has attracted researchers who come from around the world. "We're sort of like a library in a way, preserving specimens of plants, animals, fossils, rocks and minerals."

Frozen in time

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Program developer Anya Moodie-Foster



A pair of snowshoes sits among the items being stored at the Hudson's Bay Company collection. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



Smaller things, such as these beaded items of Plains Cree and Plains Saulteaux origin, are kept in shelves housed in a climate-controlled room. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Research

They're not just pretty, you know

The museum's human-history department has no fewer than 2.3 million artifacts in storage.

"Basically the human-history collection is from the time that newcomers came to Manitoba up until the present.... It represents all sorts of people from all sorts of cultures from the early 1800s on," explained Moodie-Foster.

"There's everything from some costumes that belonged to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet to military uniforms to cans of corn to teapots and Japanese swords."

Visitors can sign up for tours of the different departments during the summer months. Guided tours of the human- and natural-history collections are offered on holidays and weekends in the off-season.

"The message that we're trying to get out with the tours is that we're a research institution ... and our collections are really at the heart of what we do here," said Moodie-Foster.

Grotesque bit of local history unearthed after a stray clay donation

A running joke among the museum's staff is that a curator hasn't earned their stripes until they've received a frozen bird from someone convinced they've found a rare new species — but from time to time even the strangest donations prove to have historical importance.

Take what at first looked like a cement garden gnome brought in last year to the museum's curator of history, Dr. Roland Sawatzky.

With a little digging, Sawatzky confirmed that the gnome was no gnome at all. It was, in fact, one of 14 terracotta grotesques — which are like gargoyles but don't help drain water — that had hung

off the sixth floor of the old Winnipeg Tribune Building until 1969.

As coincidences go, the museum already had another of the grotesques hiding in its vast collection.

The donation started Sawatzky on a research journey. So far he's figured out the grotesques were made by the American Terra Cotta and Ceramic Company in Illinois and — after asking the public to help find the other missing statues — he's even had another piece off the old building donated to the museum.

"It's not a full statue gargoyle; this one's just a head," explained Sawatzky.

"The speculation is that

they perhaps represented newspaper boys."

Sawatzky hopes to add the grotesques and the newly donated face to the museum's urban gallery and to include the information he's since learned about the history of Winnipeg's downtown architecture to the exhibit.

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Golden oldies

Through his research, Sawatzky has learned the company that made the grotesques for the Tribune Building was also responsible for most of the terra cotta ornaments that hung on the popular Chicago-style skyscrapers built throughout North America between the 1880s and 1930s.

- While most cities have since torn down those buildings, the ones built in Winnipeg's Exchange District have survived.
- This makes our city one of the best places in the world to see that type of architecture, according to Sawatzky.

Wild collection

Where do they get all this stuff?

From a mammoth tusk unearthed during the digging of a local quarry to a \$100,000, nine-metre Black Brant rocket, much of the Manitoba Museum's 2.8 million artifacts have been donated.

Curators take in all sorts of things dug up in backyards and found in the back of grandma's closet from people who want more information on what they've found.

If those people don't want the items back, the goods often get tagged to join the museum's growing collection.

"We hold these things in trust for the people of Manitoba," explained the museum's program developer, Anya Moodie-Foster.

"We're very lucky that people donate to us, so we need to look after them."



Gary Peak, animator at the Manitoba Museum, shows off an early form of sunglasses used by the Inuit that is housed in the Hudson's Bay Company Gallery. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



Dr. Roland Sawatzky shows off a gargoyle head. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Hide-and-seek. RCMP hopes pig carcass will lead to missing bodies

The Saskatchewan RCMP is hoping a bright-orange pig carcass will help them locate missing bodies in Saskatchewan's River System.

Equipped with a radio transmitter and GPS tracker, members of the RCMP's major crimes historical case unit (HCU) placed the 180-pound pig into the South Saskatchewan River at the Saskatoon Canoe Club on Wednesday morning.

"The whole idea of this project is to track this pig's movements as it flows down the river and hopefully, that will give us some insight as to where bodies end up," said Cpl. Tyler Hadland, of the HCU, noting six bodies are presumed to be in the South Saskatchewan River.

"The Saskatoon historical case unit has been annually searching the river, by plane and by boat, for the past number of years and we haven't been able to recover any of these bodies," he said. "So it's quite a mystery."



A member of the Saskatchewan RCMP places a bright-orange pig carcass into the South Saskatchewan River at the Saskatoon Canoe Club on Wednesday morning.
MORGANMODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

RCMP said Wednesday's launch is the projects' second phase, as a pig-carcass with similar tracking devices was placed into the North Saskatchewan River in North Battleford in the fall of 2013.

However, the carcass only travelled 20 kilometres before it was found on a sandbar a week later. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

Cruise ship. Worker accused of rape, trying to throw victim off balcony

A cruise ship worker from Indonesia is accused of raping a passenger aboard a Holland America Line vessel and then trying to throw her overboard, authorities said Tuesday.

The FBI reports that 28-year-old Ketut Pujayasa was arrested Sunday when the MS Nieuw Amsterdam returned to Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. The incident occurred early Friday morning in international waters off the coast of Roatan, Honduras.

According to a criminal complaint, the victim — a 31-year-old U.S. woman — told investigators she was attacked and raped in her stateroom. The attacker tried to throw her from the balcony, but she escaped and received help from another passenger.

Pujayasa initially left the room but then turned himself in. The report says the Indonesian man told investigators he attacked the victim because she had disrespected him earlier.

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Craigslis

Police unsure of woman's killer spree claim

Police have yet to substantiate a 19-year-old woman's claim that she killed more than 20 people in four states before the Pennsylvania murder she is now charged with committing.

Northumberland County District Attorney Tony Rosini said in a statement Tuesday "there has been no verification of any of

the information that has been the subject of media coverage" in the case of Miranda Barbour, who with husband Elytte Barbour is awaiting trial in the death of a man they're accused of luring through a Craigslis ad for companionship.

Miranda Barbour, in a Friday prison interview with The Daily Item in Sunbury, claimed to have killed at least 22 people in Alaska, Texas, North Carolina and California in the past six years as part of her involvement in a satanic cult.

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Suspended Senator Patrick Brazeau has found work at the Barefax strip club, shown near Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday.
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Brazeau lands gig at strip joint

New job. Brazeau has been without a steady Senate paycheque since his suspension in November

Patrick Brazeau has gone from sitting in the Senate to helping run a strip club.

The suspended senator, who faces criminal charges in connection with the expense scandal that roiled the august upper chamber last year, is now working as a manager at an Ottawa strip

joint.

Brazeau has been spotted inside the Barefax Gentlemen's Club in recent days, but he declined Wednesday to speak to reporters camped outside the establishment who trailed him inside to the door of his office.

Carmelina Bentivoglio, the daughter of the club's owner, said Brazeau interviewed for a job as a day manager two weeks ago. He'll be responsible for "scheduling, hiring, firing, inventory — just like any other job," she said.

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Odd jobs

Patrick Brazeau also tried his hand as a columnist for the Halifax version of Frank magazine, but was canned after one-and-a-half columns, prompting an apology from the editor for subjecting readers to Brazeau's "narcissistic ramblings."

- Brazeau will oversee between 25 and 30 employees in his new job, which he started Monday.



Patrick Brazeau THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Heart surgery in 140 characters or less

It has allowed us to share in the exploration of space. And now Twitter is taking us into the mysteries of the human heart.

The 140-character social platform, used to extraordinary effect by Canadian astronaut Commander Chris Hadfield last year, will host a cardiac bypass surgery on Thursday.

The social media team of Toronto's Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre will live tweet a CABG. The acronym, pronounced "cabbage," stands for coronary artery bypass graft.

Beginning at 8 a.m. EST, @Sunnybrook will be tweeting updates and images of the surgery bearing the hashtag #SBheart. People interested

can pose questions which will be answered in real time.

Hospital spokeswoman Marie Sanderson says the idea behind the event is to educate the public about heart disease. The event will be archived at sunnybrook.ca/Sbheart.

The hospital believes it will be the first Canadian facility to live tweet heart surgery.

But it's definitely not the first to bring the twittersphere into the operating room.

In 2012 Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, Texas, live tweeted brain surgery to an audience estimated to be 14.5 million people. And last fall a British hospital gave tweeps a front-row seat for a cataract surgery.

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Ukraine president, protesters call truce

Negotiations.

Earlier violence that killed 26 had fuelled fears the nation could be sliding toward a messy breakup

Ukraine's embattled president and leaders of the protests that have been roiling the country agreed Wednesday on a truce to halt the violence that has killed 26 people and injured more than 425 others.

A protest leader was quoted as saying the government pledged not to attack an opposition encampment in central Kyiv while further negotiations unfold.

President Viktor Yanukovich met with opposition leaders and the two sides agreed to halt the violence and to hold talks on ending bloodshed, a statement on the presidential website said. The statement did not give any further details.

Vitali Klitschko, one of the leaders of the protests that have sought to keep Ukraine

An issue of identity

The recent violence has been the worst in nearly three months of anti-government protests that have paralyzed Kyiv.

- The two sides are locked in a battle over the identity of this nation of 46 million, whose loyalties are divided between Russia and the West.

open to Europe and out of a close political and economic alliance with Russia, was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying that Yanukovich agreed that there would be no attempt to storm the protesters' encampment on the main square of downtown Kyiv.

Flames from burning barricades of tires and refuse leapt into the air at the square for a second night, as protesters demanding Yanukovich's resignation showed no sign of yielding.

The truce announcement came hours after the president replaced the army chief and



Anti-government protesters protect themselves with shields during clashes with riot police in Kyiv's Independence Square, the epicentre of the country's current unrest, Wednesday, before the president and leaders of the protest called a truce. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the military vowed a national anti-terrorist operation to restore order. Officials have often referred to the protesters who have demanded Yanukovich's resignation as "terrorists."

Political and diplomatic

manoeuvring has continued, with both Moscow and the West eager to gain influence over this former Soviet republic. Three EU foreign ministers — from Germany, France and Poland — were heading to Kyiv

on Thursday to speak with both sides before an emergency EU meeting back in Brussels to consider sanctions against those responsible for the recent violence in Ukraine.

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Sochi

IOC president praises Ukraine's athletes

IOC president Thomas Bach has expressed his condolences to victims of the violence in Ukraine and praised Ukraine's Olympic athletes for continuing to compete at the Sochi Games.

Ukraine sent a team of 43 athletes to Sochi.

Bach says "the way they have continued to represent their nation with great dignity is a credit to them and their country."

He says "their presence here is a symbol that sport can build bridges and help to bring people from different backgrounds together in peace."

Earlier, the IOC rejected a request for Ukrainian athletes to wear black arm-bands to honour those who died. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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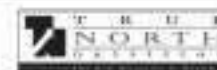
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Escaping the death grip

Snake on the loose.

An Alberta man is lucky to be alive after his Burmese python coiled around him

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Say that one day your beloved pet, whom you had watched sprout since his infancy, managed to break free of his warm, well-ventilated enclosure and began to wriggle his frame around you.

If you had any time to think, you might reflect that although you've been a benevolent caretaker all this time, you're now gasping for air as the ungrateful pet squeezes you ever tighter. Heartbreaking stuff, right?

The pet in question isn't a Labradoodle, and this isn't a story from somewhere in Southeast Asia.

Rather, it's a true tale that involves one of the largest



The Burmese python is one of the world's five largest snakes. GETTY IMAGES FILE

snakes on the planet — the feared Burmese python — and a basement in Alberta.

"(The owner) had this rather large dangerous snake he kept in his basement," explained Pat

Dunford, an Alberta conservation officer, who did not specify the location of the home. "He

went down there to check on it and because it was loose it started to coil around him."

Luckily, the man was able to escape — albeit with a newfound and well-deserved fear of the tropical snake. He quickly called conservation officers to help him handle the creature.

The Burmese python is one of the world's five biggest snakes, a collection that also includes the African rock python. The latter is the same species of snake that killed two boys in New Brunswick last summer after escaping from its cage.

Unlike that situation, in which it appears the owner didn't have a permit, the owner in Alberta was able to legally possess the snake thanks to a grandfathering clause in provincial regulations.

"It was during a time in which we were changing regulations and becoming more strict," Dunford explained. "(The owner) got a shelter permit because he possessed it legally before we made our regulations more restrictive, so we grandfathered the possession of certain pets for a time."

Quoted

"After a day they went in there and because the temperature was much cooler, the snake was so lethargic that it was not aggressive at all."

Pat Dunford, an Alberta conservation officer, describing how officials corralled a loose Burmese python.

Once officers arrived, they developed a game plan to safely apprehend the snake.

As the Burmese python thrives in blisteringly hot conditions, Dunford said, officers decided to turn off the heat in the house in hopes that cooler conditions would slow the snake down.

It worked. "After a day, they went in there and because the temperature was much cooler, the snake was so lethargic that it was not aggressive at all," he explained. "They were able actually to help the owner simply get it back into its secure container."

But this is Canada — could I really meet a pet crocodile on the loose?*

The deaths of two young boys in New Brunswick last summer at the hands of an escaped African rock python alerted the country to the potential dangers of unusual pets.

But is there really such a threat in fam-

ously frigid Canada of encountering somebody's dangerous exotic animal?

It appears to depend on where you live, but generally, it seems that Canada poses a far bigger threat to odd pets than they do to us.

"Fortunately (in Alberta) we haven't had too many issues with exotics getting into the wild," Pat Dunford, an Alberta conservation officer, told Metro, noting the province does have a detailed action plan to han-

* Well, yes, you could. Because it's happened. In Hamilton, Ont., 2010, a birdwatcher spotted what was either a crocodile or an alligator swimming in a pond. In Kapuskasing, Ont., in 2012, police had to kill a metre-long crocodile that appeared in a vacant lot.

dle these sorts of situations.

He said dangerous animals imported from sunnier locales, such as tropical snakes,

would probably only survive during the summer months and wouldn't "last long when the temperature gets colder."

Last July, a six-foot, 15-pound albino Burmese python was discovered emaciated and dehydrated in a wooded area near Chilliwack, B.C., according to media reports.

The snake, which was brought to and treated at a Maple Ridge veterinarian clinic, did not fare well in the wild — even in the relatively mild climate of the Lower Mainland region of British Columbia.

So one can imagine how poorly an imported snake would fare in significantly colder locales on the Canadian prairies.

In any case, Dunford said, the imported animals that we should worry about more are notoriously invasive species such as certain fish, including the Asian carp. MARCO

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Wouldn't you think that, in a frozen country such as ours, it might be difficult to find a peacock for sale? But it's not. We had no trouble finding a breeder in southern Ontario. Check out countrysideexotics.com to see what's on offer.



Day 2: Exotic pets in Canada

After two New Brunswick boys were killed last year by an escaped African rock python, we wanted to understand why so many Canadians bring exotic — and sometimes lethal — animals into their homes and lives. What are the costs involved in caring for such critters? How many of these pets are illegal? And what happens when it all goes wrong?

- **Friday.** Metro goes shopping for an opossum and tells you where to turn when you have problems with your pet fox.
- **Online.** Read about Jagger, a serval cat who lives in a Regina suburb, and learn why buying exotic pets online may not be such a good idea.



The hot-button hedgehog

Sure, they're cute, but in some parts of the U.S., they also seem to be controversial — partly, it appears, because of a debate over whether they spread foot-and-mouth disease. According to online forum hedgehogcentral.com, the animals are illegal in California, Hawaii, Georgia and the five boroughs of New York City. Maine has also had restrictions, and the site describes the situation in Pennsylvania as "all out war on hedgehogs within the state."

Hedgehog advocates insist the animals are not a problem. Z.G. Standing Bear, treasurer of the International Hedgehog Association, told Torstar News Service last year that six U.S. states and several cities ban hedgehogs for "all kinds of reasons" based on "no facts at all." "They're benign. There is nothing dangerous about them. That's what irritates us so much; they get this bad reputation," he said.

Hedgehogs may be in for a tough time north of the border, too. Last year, a Toronto city councillor asked municipal staff to study adding animals including hedgehogs to the city's list of prohibited species. Flamingoes, penguins, walrus, vultures and seals are also in his sights. **METRO**



An African pygmy hedgehog

What happens when it all goes wrong

In the past couple of decades, there've been a number of high-profile cases in Canada of exotic pets killing their owners:

- In 2007, 32-year-old Tanya Dumstre-Soos was mauled by a tiger owned by her fiancé at a farm in 100 Mile House, B.C., while several children, including one of her own, watched. It's thought that the tiger didn't intentionally attack her, but rather was trying to play with her skirt as she stood outside its enclosure talking to it. The tiger, Gangus, was the only one of three tigers on the farm who wasn't declawed, and Dumstre-Soos died of her injuries. Animals on the farm also included a lion and a lemur, and a variety of officials and animal welfare advocates said they'd had ongoing concerns about the farm.
- In 1992, 28-year-old Mark Neville of Brampton, Ont., was

strangled to death by his five-metre-long pet Burmese python. At the time, the death prompted calls for consistent legislation on exotic pets, but unlike many provinces, Ontario still doesn't have provincial standards on the issue.

The investigating coroner said Neville had visited a friend's house where there was a shedding cat, and it's believed that later, when he put his hand in the python's enclosure, it smelled food and attacked.

- In early 2010, 66-year-old Norman Buwalda was killed at his home in Southwold, Ont., as he entered the cage of a 650-pound Siberian tiger. No one witnessed the attack, and police said they don't know why it happened. Buwalda was the chairman of the Canadian Exotic Animal

Owner's Association, and had five wild cats, including a lion and a cougar. Six years previously, a 350-pound tiger seriously injured a boy visiting the property. **METRO**



You know that an octopus can make a tasty deep-fried appetizer, but did you know people keep them as pets? Read Metro tomorrow to find out which Hollywood star once had a cephalopod about the house.

ISTOCK

'If you're not prepared to devote your life to your pet monkey, please don't get one'

Lessons from Darwin.

The former owner of the Ikea monkey says having a primate in the house takes time, energy and resources

ROSS ROMANIUK

Metro in Regina

She and what had been her pet monkey have made headlines in Canada for more than a year, since the primate managed to get out of her car outside a Toronto Ikea store and scamper around the property in late 2012.

Yasmin Nakhuda, a Toronto lawyer, is trying to get Darwin back through an appeal of an Ontario court ruling that has since kept the monkey at a primate sanctuary.

Metro asked Nakhuda about her case, and about having primates as pets.

Are you optimistic about your chance of reclaiming legal ownership of Darwin through your court appeal?

We are still trying to get him back but since the matter is still being reviewed for appeal purposes, I cannot make any further comments regarding chances of winning.



After her pet monkey's romp around a Toronto-area Ikea, Yasmin Nakhuda has been struggling to get it back. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Do you feel that monkeys such as Darwin make good pets for people in Canada?

Monkeys are not pets for everyone. But if the owner is very dedicated, loving, educated about primate needs and ready and willing to learn, then a monkey can be more than a pet — it can become part of one's family. Monkeys are intelligent and it is untrue that all monkeys are

Visit metronews.ca to watch a video of monkeys working as waiters in Japan.



Do you have any advice for other people who might be considering trying to acquire monkeys or other animals that are deemed exotic or foreign to Canada?

If you are not prepared to devote your life to your pet monkey, then please don't get one. However, if you do and you are able to earn the love and respect of your pet monkey, a pet monkey

can be one of the greatest companions you can have in your life.

As for other exotic pets, I own an African Grey parrot and a Scarlet Macaw and they are equally great pets given their intelligence, but again, they need a lot of attention and care and one has to be able to afford expensive toys, food and supplements on an ongoing basis.



Have an adventure with Darwin

Darwin's Ikea shopping trip may be over in real life, but it continues online in the form of a video game which you can find at ikeamonkeyshirt.com. Barnabas Wornoff, an animation professor at Toronto's Seneca College, took about a week to create the game with a group of former students. Players can control the shearing coat-wearing monkey as it wanders through the parking lot in search of Allen keys, pegs and other parts needed to build a Billy wall shelf, all the while dodging rogue shopping carts and Ikea customers. Wornoff said the monkey dances when the game is completed.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Icon. Hotel Saskatchewan, opened in 1927, bought by Temple Hotels for \$32.8M



MARCO VIGLIOTTI
Metro in Regina

Winnipeg-based Temple Hotels has purchased the stately, 10-storey Hotel Saskatchewan in downtown Regina from Radisson Hotels for \$32.8 million, the company announced Wednesday morning.

"The property is iconic in Regina and from our perspective, a very good opportunity," Gino Romagnoli, executive vice-president with Temple, told Metro from Winnipeg. "We like the property, we like the prospects it offers us going forward and we like the Regina market."

First opened in 1927, the grand edifice at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Scarth Street was originally part of a nationwide chain of hotels built by the Canadian Pacific Railway company.

After its completion, the hotel enjoyed prominence as one of the largest in the province and dominated the city's skyline for decades after.



Regina's Hotel Saskatchewan has been bought for \$32.8 million by Temple Hotels. SARAH TAGUAM/METRO IN REGINA

Temple says it plans to spend an additional \$6 million renovating the rooms and lobby areas of the aging hotel.

The renovations, Romagnoli notes, do not represent an attempt to modernize the heritage property but are rather needed restoration efforts.

Temple also owns the Wingate Inn in Regina and Temple Gardens Mineral Spa Resort in Moose Jaw.



Cuts sow seeds of discontent among Greek farmers

A farmer shouts slogans during a protest outside the Greek parliament against government tax policies in Athens on Wednesday. About 4,000 people, including civil servant unions, took part in the peaceful demonstration outside the House of Parliament. Greece's conservative-led government has committed to continue spending cuts and economic reforms in exchange for billions of euros in international rescue loans. THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rogers biggest buyer

Wireless spectrum auction raises \$5.27B for feds

The federal government raked in \$5.27 billion in the latest wireless spectrum auction, the most Ottawa has ever received in such a sale. Industry Canada announced Wednesday that the biggest buyer of the 20-year licenses was Rogers, which paid \$3.29 billion for 22 licenses across the country. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Canada was one of the first countries to go completely crazy for Facebook and now the social network is saying we're leading the charge with mobile usage, too.

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Jordan Banks, head of Facebook Canada

lion who log in every single day, says Jordan Banks, the head of Facebook Canada.

Those numbers haven't really changed since the sum-

mer, when Banks last gave an update on user counts, but mobile is growing.

The number of users who log in with a phone or tablet

at least once a month is now at 15 million, up about 15 per cent from 13 million. And the number of mobile users accessing Facebook daily is up about six per cent to 10 million, from 9.4 million in August.

"Essentially we're getting 50 per cent of Canadian (Internet users) on Facebook every day and the exciting part for us as marketers is that when you look at the composition of how those people are accessing Facebook, it's more increasingly on a mobile device than ever before," says Banks.

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OLYMPICS BRING OUT THE WORST

Olympic officials love to wax eloquent about how sports can help us celebrate humanity as one, as can be illustrated in this history of the Games:

1896: The modern Olympic Games are created to promote world peace.

1897: World peace declared.

This timeline, though exhaustive, is not wholly accurate. In fact, the Olympics solve society's problems with only the same proficiency that pop songs alleviate world hunger.

While I won't claim to know the hearts of the amazing athletes, I can talk about the average sports fans' humanity during these Olympics in Sochi. Their emotions are not always the Olympic ideal.

Rage: Sports always attracts angry fans: hockey fans who would gladly dismember a 14-year-old linesman; baseball fans apoplectic about strike calls they can't possibly see; MMA fans who fill in most of evolution's missing links. But the Olympics teach us that the most terrifying creature of all is the figure skating fan who is convinced their favourite skaters were



HE SAYS

John Mazerolle

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stuffed.

It's satisfying in a way. People who mock me for yelling at the TV during a Bruins game positively have a Salchow every four years because someone on Team Canada got "robbed." It's an Olympic tradition. This wouldn't happen if Olympic figure skating had fighting like the North American version, but that's a debate for later.

Fear: What do you suppose is the hardest job in the world? Doctor? Air traffic controller? Olympian? No, the Olympics prove time and again that the hardest job is creating a mascot that is not a horrifying abomination.

It's a life rule. There are no funny clowns, no sexy feet and no mascots that will not haunt your dreams. The Athens mascots appeared to be phaluses wearing coloured condoms, perhaps to laud the birth of civilization. The London mascots were one-eyed demon creatures, probably to promote the city's Olympian level of CCTV cameras.

At first the Sochi bear seemed like a fool-proof idea. Who doesn't like teddy bears? However, the version at the opening cere-

monies looked like a drunken uncle who should delete his Internet browsing history more often. Meanwhile, the version that stalks Olympic venues almost looks like an everyday bear mascot — except that he has cold, dead shark eyes. He will have children leaving their night lights on until at least the 2016 Summer Games. And who knows what monstrosity we might be faced with then?

Schadenfreude: If my workplace and favourite bar are any indication, two things always get big cheers from crowds at the Olympics:

- 1.) A Canadian hockey player scores a goal.
- 2.) An athlete from another country falls over.

The sport might be one fans had not heard of 10 minutes ago — Ladies' Super-G Bobsled Cross — but if there's a chance at gold, we want our opponents crushed. And, if necessary, their pelvises.

In short, the Olympics aren't the best of humanity, on either side of the TV screen. They're just ... humanity, which includes braggarts, fools and outright villains, to go along with the kind-hearted, the wise and the heroes.

And despite my cynical take, I still believe in heroes. After all, somebody has to slay the damn bear.

ZOOM

All that glitters isn't gold



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Finnish reindeer dabbled with paint

A reindeer is seen with fluorescent antlers after a test in which Finnish herders dabbed it with fluorescent paint. Rudolph the reindeer is having a glittering antler makeover — the latest attempt to halt some of the thousands of road deaths of the roaming

caribou in the wilds of Finland.

Anne Ollila, of the Finnish Reindeer Herders' Association, says the antlers of 20 reindeer have been painted with various fluorescent dyes to see how the animals react and whether the paints are resistant to the harsh Arctic climate.

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Roaming free

200,000

If successful, animals with glittering antlers will be free to roam Lapland — a vast, deserted area in northern Finland where herders tend to some 200,000 reindeer.

Reflective tape

- The Finnish Reindeer Association says reflectors and reflective tape have proven unsuccessful as reindeer have torn them off — and road signs warning drivers of roaming reindeer often are stolen by tourists as souvenirs.

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Looks like over-sharing social media users are learning from their mishaps as a wave of apps touting online anonymity are quietly creeping into cyberspace. Users wanting to publicly praise or put down that pretty girl, berate their boss or wax poetic have carved out online spaces to do so without having to worry about said pretty girl, boss, etc.



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Whisper:

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Twitter

@metropicks asked: The idea of Trudeau rolling papers was originally the Cons' plan to disrupt the Liberals. Do they help or hinder Trudeau's image?

@Russell_Barth: the irony of these papers (AND the #cpc's mad assertions) is that Justin isn't *actually* going to legalize #pot

@chlobotxo: i think it's hilarious. It helps by showing the Cons are traditional bullies

@ac_awesome: So instead of saying he flip-flops, opponents are accusing him of Zigzags.

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Berube connects with his African roots on Russian Dolls

West End Cultural Centre show. Manitoba native incorporates a plethora of instruments and effects on latest album



BACKSTAGE PASS
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While born in Brandon, Man., singer-songwriter Mark Berube spent a good chunk of his childhood far away from the Wheat City, and Canada for that matter.

From age six to 11, Berube lived in Africa, where his father worked as a professor at the University of Swaziland.

Released in November on Bonsound, Berube's latest album, *Russian Dolls*, not only contains a song titled Ethiopia, but also hints of African pop music inside his psychedelic folk sound.

"It's funny; I was actually watching a video last night of Yvonne Chaka Chaka. She's a big South African pop singer who has a song called Umqombothi, which means 'African beer,'" said Berube from his home in Montreal.

"It has a hooky as hell melody, but there is also a huge political message. This was 1988. Apartheid



Mark Berube, right, along with cellist Kristina Koropecki, play the West End Cultural Centre on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

was raging at that point. That whole mixture, where the song's narrative can be simple, but at the same time there's a second layer that is pretty subversive, while still keeping the rhythm and the joy, really struck me."

Like its title suggests, *Russian Dolls* is all about multiple layers. Produced by Jace Lasek of The Besnard Lakes, the album sees Berube incorporating many different instruments and effects, something that didn't happen as much on

Details

- Mark Berube plays the West End Cultural Centre on Friday, Feb. 21. Winnipeg's The Bros. Landreth open.

- Tickets are \$15 at the WECC, Music Trader, Winnipeg Folk Festival Music Store and Ticketmaster or \$20 at the door. Showtime is 8 p.m.

his previous album, 2011's *June in Siberia*.

"The goal behind that

one (June in Siberia) was to record live off the floor, keep everything really organic and acoustic, so that everything heard on the album is pretty much exactly what we would do onstage," Berube said.

"This time we just wanted to blow that open and not even think about how we were going to do it live. We just threw everything at the songs. We plugged the cello into pedals and just basically opened up the gates."

Providing the cello, as well as autoharp and saw is Berube's classically trained cohort Kristina Koropecki.

"She has a master's degree in performance cello from McGill University and a breadth of knowledge that I don't really have," Berube said. "She also has a very good talent for being extremely direct and blunt. She doesn't sugar her words at all. It's good to have a partner like that, even if you want to give them a little smack some days."

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Gardens & Villa ride new wave to Dunes

Synth-pop. New album adds electronic vibe to psychedelic base

About three and half hours west of Detroit sits the small town of Benton Harbor. There, in the dead of winter, five Southern California natives and well-known British producer Tim Goldsworthy holed up in a locksmith building-turned-music studio to create Gardens & Villa's new album, *Dunes*.

After 30 days of recording, during which countless nights were spent watching Chinese cinema and listening to copious amounts of Prince, the group fashioned an album that reveals a significant progression towards a more new wave sound. While *Dunes* preserves Gardens & Villa's flute, keyboard, and synth-driven melodies, an added electronic vibe thrusts their new album into a realm of organic and nostalgic rhythms.

"A lot of our songs come from jams. We'll get to the space, get inspired by whatever means we find necessary and

record these blown-out iPhone recordings that are 12 minutes long," says synth player Adam Rasmussen. "The trick is keeping it pure once you have the ability to start layering stuff."

Since their self-titled debut in 2011, Gardens & Villa has garnered popularity. A popularity that not only carried them into the highly regarded arms of indie label Secretly Canadian, but landed them an opening slot for The Shins and led to their most recent, and otherwise unlikely opportunity to work with Goldsworthy, who is best known for his work with Cut Copy and LCD Soundsystem.

"When we first Skyped with him it was kind of like, 'What the f—! I'm really talking to Tim Goldsworthy right now?'" says Rasmussen of his first meeting with the producer.

After having seen a live video, Goldsworthy was immediately charmed by the band's funky dance music.

"I remember him saying that in a music industry that has become so far weighted to electronic and dance music

Worthy of Goldsworthy

Things in the studio were often hectic and impromptu, with Tim Goldsworthy at helm of all its chaos.

- "He's kind of in another realm," says Adam Rasmussen. "He's sharp and focused for all the tracking, but at the same time he's cueing up random songs or films that he thinks might be resonating with our performances. He has a way of thinking about the bigger picture and what kind of final touches are going to be necessary for a track. He's brilliant and pretty eccentric."

made by one producer, we were there making the same type of danceable music, but as a band," says Rasmussen. "He was eager to make a band record as opposed to the electronic projects he's been involved with over the years."

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Gardens & Villa worked with British producer Tim Goldsworthy to create new album *Dunes*. NEIL FAVILA

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The takedown of the mask of Georges

Documentary.

Former UFC champion reveals his obsessive compulsive disorder, how it drove him to succeed, and what makes him tick in new film

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One would expect it'd take a lot to embarrass someone who gets paid millions to beat people up for a living but ultimate fighting champion Georges St-Pierre admits blushing when seeing his rural father fake a more esteemed French accent in the latest documentary about his life.

"A lot of scenes like this I would've changed but (producers) didn't want to," admitted St-Pierre during a recent interview to

promote the documentary *Takedown: The DNA of GSP*.

"There were a lot of things I didn't want to show (but) this is not my movie; I didn't decide what to show; the (filmmakers) decided."

Premiering this Thursday at select theatres Canada-wide, the slick documentary that covers the French Canadian's rise to UFC champ, his fateful knee injury and stunning comeback is also very personal — illustrated by GSP's own acceptance that he suffers from obsessive compulsive disorder.

"My obsessive compulsive problem that I have (is) good when you're an athlete," said St-Pierre.

"I'm crazy but that's what you need to be champion in the sport."

"All my life I've been (focused on) how I can make myself a better martial artist — everything I've learned in my life has been for that purpose."



Georges St-Pierre credits his success in mixed martial arts with his obsessive-compulsive disorder. CONTRIBUTED

Certainly those habits are on display in *Takedown* as fans learn how sleep deprivation, avoiding sidewalk cracks and even heavily concentrated fury has turned GSP into a remarkable mixed martial artist.

In fact, the unpretentious pugilist insists even vacating the title after a controversial win in November was a response to his own affliction.

"I stopped because mentally, my health was in jeopardy," said St-Pierre.

"I've never been a victim in my life," he adds.

"Everything I've done, I did it by choice. 'Nobody ever forced me to fight. I did it because I wanted to and that's the same reason why I'm taking a break — because I want to.'"

Georges on Georges

- Georges St-Pierre on revealing his obsessive compulsive disorder in the film. "It's kind of boring to be a normal person," said St-Pierre. "I surround myself with crazy people and I'm crazy myself so it makes us fun...we all have the ingredients for a good movie."
- You don't have to like fighting. "I don't force you to like what I do for a living, I just don't want to have to fight for the legitimacy of my sport" said St-Pierre. "That's all I ask, is to not denigrate the sport."

Watch it

- *Takedown: The DNA of GSP* screens in Cineplex theatres across Canada on February 20, 22 and 24.

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Katy Perry ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Wedding fireworks for Katy and John?

Katy Perry is sending the gossip world into a tizzy by sporting the same diamond ring on a very suspicious finger for the past few days. The first time, we all chalked it up to her being fashionable — but then the singer had the audacity to wear the art-deco-influenced ring yet again at the Elle Style Awards on Tuesday in London. “What does it mmmmeeee-

aaaaannnnn?” your brain is undoubtedly asking, since we are all conditioned to be concerned with this for some reason. We wish we knew — so far both the Perry and John Mayer camps are being mum on the situation. One thing is for sure: The only way she could troll us any harder is if she started wearing a fake baby bump.

Ellen and Portia don't need a ring to prove their love

Ellen DeGeneres is eager to put to rest rumours circulating in some tabloids that her marriage to Portia De Rossi is on the rocks. “The tabloids had a photo of Portia not wearing her wedding ring. She goes, ‘I didn’t wear it because when I ride horses and I’m holding the reins, it gives me a blister,’” DeGeneres explains to People magazine. “The truth is — and this is corny — I fall more in love with Portia all



Ellen DeGeneres

the time. I really do. She surprises me all the time. It’s what anyone experiences when you find that person that gets you.”

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The Word

Hey LaBeouf, why don't you #STARTCREATING your own stuff?

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News in New York

Shia LaBeouf has been all over the tabloids and the blogs and the Twitter lately. But for those who don't follow celebrity gossip on any medium, Shia has them covered too — they just have to look up into the sky.

LaBeouf has taken to skywriting for the third time, hiring planes to write “#STARTCREATING” in the sky above Los Angeles, according to E! Online. His previous messages were “I am sorry Daniel Clowes” and “#STOPCREATING,” both in January.

It's great to have Shia's permission to start making stuff. I hope he follows his own advice, since he's never created anything in particular. LaBeouf's meltdown/art project/generous subsidy to L.A.'s skywriting industry began in December, when his short film, Howard Cantour,



com, was revealed to be a ripoff of a Daniel Clowes comic, Justin M. Damiano. Since then, he's tweeted a slew of plagiarized quotes and apologies, hired the aforementioned skywriters, and last week held an “art installation” in which he sat in a room with a paper bag over his head reading “I am not famous anymore” while weeping — which some would say was a ripoff of Marina Abramovic's The Artist is Present.

In case you can't tell, I am heartily sick of this kid — he ripped an artist off, got caught, and he's been trying to reposition his screw-up as art ever since. I would rather see Justin Bieber get an Oscar than hear another word from LaBeouf on the subject.

Twitter



@ChloeGMoretz

strangest thing just happened to my phone it wouldn't take a charge so i did a full restart and bingo.. charging.. weird.



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First time we have all been together for a while now! lookin forward t seeing the lads ! #BRITs2014



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Stairs are so serious



Patrick Stewart

Patrick Stewart has a gay old time with Guardian gaffe

At least Patrick Stewart has a decent sense of humour. The former Star Trek: the Next Generation star was misidentified as gay by the Guardian in an article about X-Men co-star Ellen Page's recent coming out. “The third paragraph

originally said, ‘Some gay people, such as Sir Patrick Stewart, think Page's coming out speech is newsworthy.’ This should have read, ‘Some people, such as Sir Patrick Stewart,’ a statement from the newspaper read. Stewart, who married longtime girlfriend Sunny Ozell in September, took it in stride, posting to Twitter, “It makes for a nice change.

At least I didn't wake up to the Internet telling me I was dead again.”

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The runway midway

The fashion industry's finest have flocked to New York and London these past two weeks as part of Fall/Winter 2014 Fashion Month. Before they pick up their passports and jet away on the Paris and Milan legs of the journey, here's a taste of what Metro's gurus of glam have witnessed from fashion's front lines thus far.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Tommy Hilfiger (NYC)

The first look? Surprise, surprise, it's plaid. An olive parka, check dress and hiking boots opens the lineup of rugged, outdoorsy looks. The vaguely vintage-flavoured duffle coats, shearling jackets, chunky sweaters, Fair Isle knits and fleece dresses have a sporty athleticism to them that imply Tommy's girls do more than sip hot chocolate inside a lodge.

Major trends: Blanket references in the form of dresses, skirts and coats.

What this will mean for your wardrobe: Durable, classic winter wear that really does marry fashion and function.



Marc by Marc Jacobs (NYC)

The autumn/winter '14 girl is all flamboyant sportiness, dressed for a club night in a mix of ninja and BMX gear. Plus all of the sneaker comebacks we've seen in the past year were rendered forgettable thanks to a single shoe in Crayola shades of red and blue that is part raver, part spaceman.

The major trends: Plays on volume — blanket-style wraps, layering and wide leg trousers.

What this will mean for your wardrobe: Judging by my social media feeds, the shoes were the most memorable takeaway from the show. The more "out there" the sneaker the better.

Bora Aksu (London)

After a handful of monochrome skirted looks, colour appears in the form of Barbie pink. Think Lolita-meets-Victorian-meets-plastic-fantastic. And get ready to embrace that horrible '90s sequin stretch fabric: it's back, sliced into jackets, waistlines and fishtail pencil skirts. Ponchos and capes are popular up top — only, "floatier" than we've seen them before. Here they're more like mosquito nets. Pretty ones, mind you.

The playlist: Lively flamenco with a Carla Bruni interlude.

The key trends: Pink, ponchos, A-line skirts



Issa (London)

The strength, and what unites this collection, with its varying motifs of stamped flowers, bulbous knits and lattice prints, is the size of it all. Everything is big, from the wafting, blanket-like coats that much of the audience is already wearing to the Balenciaga-esque rounded sleeves on outerwear and tops. My standout piece — the wackiest of all the wearable Issa fare — is a zigzag printed monochrome jacket with perfectly curved shoulders.

The major trends: Ponchos and oversized, rounded coats.

What this will mean for your wardrobe in six months' time: Silhouette is going to factor into your buying purchases more than usual.

Vivienne Westwood (London)

This show was about vintage Vivienne Westwood Red Label. Even the colour palette is true to the brand name, with a tongue-in-cheek heart-shaped suit. The looks were positively pared-down: a nostalgic retrospective of eras gone by with headscarves, roomy overcoats, and those ubiquitous Westwood cocktail dresses — all very commercially viable with enough of a dash of the Dame's kook.

The scene: Vivienne Westwood's faithful friends.

What this will mean for your wardrobe in six months' time: Granny chic with headscarves and oversized practical coats.



Trends Report

Bleached blonde eyebrows may seem odd, but the look was all over the runway at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week this month and even on raunchy popstar Miley Cyrus. Go online to Trends Report to see which top designer opted for this runway look, which also had one reality TV star modeling a nipple-baring top.

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Kerry

Age: 27

Occupation: Co-founder, Rockford Peach

What she's wearing: Old pilots shearling coat I bought a couple years ago in Kensington (inspired by my Dad), old polo sweater that was cropped, All Saints

pants, Stuart Weitzman boots, vintage belt and bag.

Her inspiration:

I dress with instinct, which could very well start with the music that I wake up to. The truth is I like anything that has lived a little bit; clothes that tell a story or move me somehow, and a little oversize never hurt anyone.

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Hear your tunes in style

With so many music lovers downloading albums to their phones and mp3 players, there's no longer the need for large, bulky stereo systems to be displayed in the home. Want to give your latest download some big-time sound? Here's a selection of speakers that will suit any home-decor style.



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Be the life of the party in any room while getting quality acoustics and great design. This little picnic basket of sound can go from room to room and has won dozens of design awards. Bang & Olufsen's Beolit12, \$880, bangolufsen.com.



Add glam to any book case with crystal-encrusted bird speakers (also the perfect accompaniment for a perfume bottle collection in the bathroom). ChicBuds Crystal Fauvette Bird Speaker, \$46 each, bedbathandbeyond.ca.

Breakdancing not required, but bring the '80s back with iHome's rubber and metal Boombox Wireless Speaker, \$220, urbanoutfitters.com.



An old-time music centre that replicates a vintage airplane control panel. Records, tapes, CDs and mp3 capabilities; great for any dad. Innovative Technology Aviator Turntable Wooden Music Centre, \$200, thesource.ca.

Croon to your favourite tunes in reclaimed style that would look just as chic in a library as it would in a loft space. Gramophone iPad docking station with dry oak base, \$300, restorationhardware.com.



Rustic barn doors add some natural warmth

DIY. Reclaimed wood is an easy way to give the home a handsome hint of pastoral charm

Every home could use a little country charm, and nothing says country living like a rustic sliding barn door.

An inspiring alternative to French doors, this DIY project is a great way to inject natural wood tones into your home or create a popping statement piece with a vivid paint job.

Barn doors can be adapted for almost any style or budget and will have a lasting impression on visitors for both its design and simplicity.

Find a door that will measure up

For the most authentic look, check out weekend markets or second-hand stores for a reclaimed barn door. It should be slightly larger than the doorway, allowing for a few inches of

overlap on either side and at the top.

If you're unable to find a proper fit, it's easy to build a custom door after a quick trip to the hardware store.

For really large openings, build two doors that will slide together to meet in the middle.

Mount the track above the doorway

Once a door has been chosen, it's time to purchase the hardware necessary to make it glide effortlessly. The right hardware will ensure the door stays safely secured upright and tucked closely to the wall.

The best way to achieve this is with a mounted track above the doorway. This option puts a lot of weight on the wall so it's best to screw the mount in to studs.

Install the track brackets

The track brackets are installed to the top of the door and will allow it to hang from the track with rollers. Install one bracket to the top corners of the

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door following the manufacturer's instructions.

A regular sized door will likely only require two rollers but check with a professional if you're unsure.

Attach the rollers and hang the door

Once the brackets are installed, connect the rollers and fasten tightly. With the help of a friend or family member, stand the door upright and slowly lower the rollers on to the track. The track should remain stable and not flex under the weight of the door.

Give your new barn door a few tries and then do your best line dance routine in celebration.



Flea markets and second-hand stores are great places to hunt for reclaimed barn doors. iStock

Stefano serves up a cutlet above the rest



This recipe serves four. PHOTOS LEILA ASHTARI

“Veal cutlets were in regular dinner rotation at home when I was young,” writes Stefano Faita in his book *In the Kitchen with Stefano Faita*. “I was always so amazed at how quickly my mom made them and got them on the table — they cook up in no time.”

“Serve your cutlets with a light side dish, such as sautéed cherry tomatoes (the recipe is right here!), or put a cutlet on a bun with some marinated artichokes. Yum!”

1. To make the Breaded Veal Cutlets: Prepare a breading station by arranging 3 shallow dishes or pie plates with the following: flour in the first; eggs beaten with milk in the second; and bread crumbs, Parmesan and herbs stirred together in the third.

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low dishes or pie plates with the following: flour in the first; eggs beaten with milk in the second; and bread crumbs, Parmesan and herbs stirred together in the third.

2. Season veal with salt and pepper. Dredge cutlets first in flour, then in egg mixture and lastly in bread crumb mixture.

3. In a large skillet over medium heat, melt butter with oil. When oil is hot, add cutlets and brown on each side, 3 to 5 minutes per side.

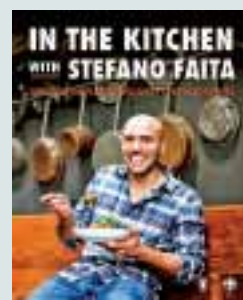
4. While cutlets are cooking, make the Sautéed Cherry Tomatoes: In a large sauté pan, melt butter over medium-high heat. When butter is golden brown, add tomatoes. Sprinkle them with sugar and season with salt and pepper. Increase heat to high and

sauté tomatoes, stirring gently, until they start to soften and skins begin to wrinkle, about 5 minutes. Add the parsley, marjoram and thyme, mix well and remove from heat.

5. Serve cutlets with Sautéed Cherry Tomatoes. **FROM IN THE KITCHEN WITH STEFANO FAITA BY STEFANO FAITA. COPYRIGHT CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION/STEFANO FAITA INC., 2013. REPRINTED BY PERMISSION OF PENGUIN CANADA BOOKS INC.**

Cookbook of the Week

Effortless and delicious meals



Stefano Faita goes from the wildly popular TV show *In the Kitchen with Stefano Faita* to an easy-to-follow and beautifully photographed book of the same name. The collection includes Faita's favourite easy-to-make recipes from the series as well as extra trips, recipe notes and substitutions.

The book covers everything from breakfast and dinner to salads, snacks, desserts and more. Among the specific recipes are: Butter-milk Fried Chicken, Mango Cabbage Slaw, Cajun Home Fries and more. **METRO**

Three fabulous foods for February

Winter's grip. Don't let the cold keep you from venturing forth for tasty eats.



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We're not quite out of the grips of winter just yet. Pay a visit to these modest shops to soothe your winter-weary soul and rev up your taste buds.

The Reuben at Luda's

It's hard to pick just one fabulous item from the menu at this North End diner. Everything really is outstanding and that goes for the ultra-friendly service by the dynamic duo—Kristie and her mom Tracey. But if you're craving a Reuben, this is the place to go. Corned beef, cheese, Russian dressing and sauerkraut have never been so happy together.

Banh Mi at K & W Grocery

The steamed meatball sub at this Vietnamese

grocery store is one of the city's best. Resting on a warm crusty bun and topped with pickled carrot, cucumber, cilantro and chili peppers, it also might be Winnipeg's best sandwich deal, ringing in at \$2.50.

Pain au Chocolate at L'Epi de Ble

Living in the North End can be tough on your waistline. But, oh, what a delicious place to be thanks to likes of this Main Street bakery. A sign on the wall reminds everyone they bake with butter. It's most evident in the irresistible pain au chocolate with its flaky layers and ultra-rich chocolate nugget inside

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The Reuben from Luda's is just one of the fabulous items on the menu.

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Humph Day in Sochi

Women's bobsled.

Canadian duo successfully defends its title won in Vancouver

Kaillie Humphries arrived at the start house for her final bobsled run at the Sochi Games not knowing how much time she needed to make up to catch the leaders.

Her brakeman, Heather Moyse, knew but wasn't saying. She wanted her pilot to worry about her own run and not the clock.

"I just looked at her and I said, 'It's possible,'" Moyse said. "That's all Kaillie needed to know, that the gap wasn't closed but it was possible."

Humphries visualized the 17-turn track in her mind and set out to nail another consistent run. She delivered just that Wednesday night and it was enough to give them a second straight women's Olympic bobsled title, the first duo to achieve that goal.

"When I don't know times, I mean, ignorance is bliss," Humphries said.

The Canada 1 sled had a gap of 11-100ths of a second to close entering the final run. Moyse delivered with a strong push at the start, then Humphries took over from there.

Both were elated at the finish and satisfied knowing they did everything they could.

"For both of us to know we pushed the hardest we could have possibly pushed, I drove the track the very best that I knew how, when we got out of the sled on that fourth run both her and I — without even having to really say anything — knew that we had done



Canada's Kaillie Humphries, left, and Heather Moyse celebrate winning the gold medal in women's bobsled at the Sochi Winter Olympics on Wednesday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"Winning gold is amazing, but walking away satisfied is better. After the third run I knew that if we did the business we could be on top."

Kaillie Humphries on overcoming a time deficit to win the women's bobsled.

everything in our power," Humphries said.

With at least a silver locked up, they had a nervous two-minute wait in the finish area as Elana Meyers and Lauryn Williams completed their final

run.

"I never wish bad on people but I was thinking, 'Just make a few mistakes, please,'" Humphries said.

The pressure seemed to get to the Americans, who had

a few wobbles down the Sanki Sliding Center track and came up one-tenth of a second short.

It would be gold once again for the Canadians, who were underdogs when they won at the Vancouver Games four years ago but favourites this time around.

Humphries, from Calgary, and Moyse, from Summerside, P.E.I., finished with a four-run

time of three minutes 50.61 seconds. Meyers and Williams were second in 3:50.71.

The United States also won bronze, with Jamie Greubel and Aja Evans finishing a full second off the lead in 3:51.61.

Edmonton's Jenny Ciochetti and Chelsea Valois of Zenon Park, Sask., were 13th in the Canada 2 sled in 3:54.49. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Jones pushing for Olympic clean sweep



Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones, left, celebrates with Jill Officer and Dawn McEwen after beating Britain in a women's curling semifinal game on Wednesday in Sochi, Russia. WONG MAYE-E/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jennifer Jones jumped for joy, her arms and broom triumphantly in the air. And why not?

The Winnipeg skip, wearing gold eye shadow, swept into the Olympic gold-medal curling game with a string of late, big-money shots Wednesday to edge Britain 6-4 and improve her record at the Ice Cube Curling Center to 10-0.

Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen stepped up when it mattered to dispose of 2013 world champion Eve Muirhead in an edge-of-your-seat Olympic semifinal.

"I'm so proud of us," said a jubilant Jones. "I thought we came out and played lights out today."

Now only Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson stands in the way of the Jones juggernaut, which is assured of at least silver.

"It's crazy to think that we're going to be on that podium, I'm not going to lie," said a smiling Jones, who clapped her hands in celebration as she arrived to talk to reporters.

"It was an emotional win. We've dreamed of this since we were little girls.... We're

going to be on that podium no matter what. Nobody can ever take that away from us. It's pretty exciting and something we're going to celebrate, but right now we're focused on trying to play well (Thursday)."

Sweden (7-2 in the round-robin) earned a 7-5 decision over Switzerland (5-4) in the other semifinal. Sigfridsson throws second stones but calls the shots as skip.

Canada has not won a women's curling gold at the Games since the late Sandra Schmirler did it in 1998 in Nagano. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hey Yzerman, 'you're lucky'

Goalier than thou.

Lightning prospect stands on his head in front of future GM as Latvians almost slay Goliath in Sochi

As Kristers Gudlevskis turned aside shot after shot, Sidney Crosby and his teammates wondered what it would take to beat the Latvian goaltender. "Besides picking the puck up and throwing it in the net, what could you tell someone to do in those situations?" Crosby said.

Team Canada didn't quite have to resort to that, surviving a historic upset bid by Latvia with a 2-1 win in the quarter-finals of the Olympics on the strength of a late power-play goal by Shea Weber.

Despite Gudlevskis making 55 saves on 57 shots, coach Mike Babcock didn't sense any uneasiness on his bench. It's his hope that being in a tight, frustrating game will help Canada as it advances to face the rival Americans in the semifinals Friday.

"We just thought if we kept doing it, we'd get our chances, we'd get a break, we'd score a goal," Babcock said. "Did I want to win 7-1? Absolutely. Do I think it's better for my team that we won the way we did? For sure."

The next one looks tougher on paper than any of Canada's first four games in Sochi. At first glance, a matchup against 11th-seeded Latvia didn't seem like it would be much of a test for the gold-medal favourites.

Canada, Babcock insisted, did not take Latvia lightly. Watching coach Ted Nolan's group eliminate Switzerland should have been enough of a wake-up call.

Still, it was hard to expect this. After Patrick Sharp gave Canada a lead at the 13:37 mark of the first period, it looked like Gudlevskis



Game of his life



"We were disappointed, because we tried to make

a miracle today and we just couldn't do it."

Latvia's Kristers Gudlevskis, who stopped 55 shots and gave hockey fans across Canada cause for major concern on Wednesday afternoon.

Questionable call

C'mon ref!

It looked like Canada took the lead 8:27 into the third, but a controversial call kept it 1-1. Jonathan Toews and Patrick Marleau got the puck to the goal-line and almost over, but Latvia defenceman Kristaps Sotnieks gloved it to keep it out.

The ruling was that the puck did not fully cross the line, and Canada did not get a penalty shot because that cannot be awarded on review.

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Americans up next



"They're obviously the favourite coming into the tournament, and we've opened up a lot of eyes with our play, but we have more in the tank to give and to show."

Max Pacioretty on the looming rematch of the 2010 gold-medal game with Canada. Pacioretty's Americans notched a 5-2 win over the Czech Republic on Wednesday. Canada and the U.S. meet in the semifinal on Friday.

wouldn't get beat again and the frustration crept in.

"It can get to you, I think, a little bit," winger Patrick Marleau said. "But you just got to keep persisting and think that next one's going to go in."

It didn't help that most of the game elapsed with a tie score after Lauris Darzins got a breakaway and beat Carey Price two minutes after Sharp's goal. And it didn't help that Canada played almost two full periods without John Tavares, who was hit by Arturs Kulda and is out for the rest of the tournament with a knee injury.

A controversial no-goal call in the third period that could have led to a Canadian penalty shot only added to the drama.

All the while, Canada had Gudlevskis and the Latvians under siege but couldn't break

through. It's one thing to squeeze the sticks a little too tight, but another one altogether to have a goalie looking like a brick wall.

"Coming into this tournament we talked about facing adversity," defenceman Duncan Keith said. "There was a little bit there throughout this game. We didn't want to get frustrated with the score being tied."

Told he scared the entire country of Canada on Wednesday night, Gudlevskis said: "I hope so." Asked what he'd say to Team Canada executive director and Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman, the 21-year-old responded: "You're lucky."

In Nolan's eyes, Canada was lucky to take the lead at 13:06 of the third after a slashing penalty was called on Geor-

Cross-border semi No. 2



"I think the Russian team will win."

Marts making a prediction after his team's 5-0 win over Slovenia, but before the Russia-Finland quarter-final. Finland coach Erkki Westerlund said "no comment" when asked for his reaction to what Marts said, and Finn forward Olli Jokinen added: "I don't really care." The Scandinavian rivals meet in the semifinals Friday.

gijis Pujacs. But Babcock saw it more as the following-through on a game plan.

"We just thought we were going to win," he said. "We just talked about being patient and staying the course, not getting in a hurry, not forcing anything. If we did that we thought we'd be fine, and in the end we were."

That was one lesson Canada gleaned from this scare and almost joining the 2002 Swedish team that lost to Belarus in Salt Lake City in an infamous chapter of the Olympic history books: Winning matters more at this stage than how it happens.

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'You never know'

Russian hopes Finn-ished

After Russia's men's hockey loss in the quarter-finals to Finland, most of Russia's players rushed through a mixed zone with TV cameras and reporters without stopping, waving off requests to verbalize their disappointment in losing their medal chances in the Sochi Games.

The players who did stop were brief. And Finland, not surprisingly, had a little more to say, with many sentiments summed up by forward Teemu Selanne:

"The experts are wrong many times — and I love it."

Still, as happy as the Finns were, they did show some sympathy for a Russian team that was carrying such high expectations.

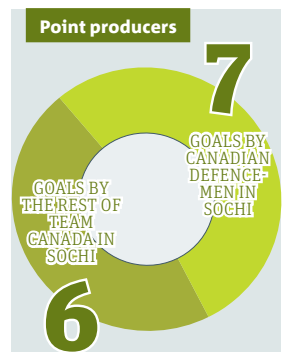
Selanne: "I'm a little bit sad also for them. Obviously, they had a big dream to win the gold medal here and then it doesn't work so it's kind of disappointing in many ways because that would be a great story. But again, it's proving to the hockey world that you never know."

Russia's Alex Ovechkin only had this to say: "No emotion right now."

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Russian hockey fans at the end of Russia's loss to Finland on Wednesday in Sochi. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Caroline Ouellette is one of three Canadian players who are in pursuit of their fourth Olympic gold medal. The pressure will be turned up on Thursday when they face the U.S. at Bolshoy Ice Dome in Sochi. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Canada set to face off with speedy U.S.

Women's hockey. Canuck squad will rely on leadership of vets when they take on rivals

To win a fourth straight Olympic gold medal, the Canadian women's hockey team must leverage its big-game experience up front to overcome the superior speed of the United States.

Canada's dozen forwards have a combined 18 previous appearances at the Winter Olympics among them, compared to seven among the American forwards.

On defence, previous Winter Games experience is equal between the two countries, and both sides possess seasoned goaltenders.

Thursday's final at the Bolshoy Ice Dome is about exciting in a vice of pressure for both countries.

The U.S. wants to reclaim

the gold it won in 1998 and this year's team is young and relentless.

If there is a crack in their armour, it was revealed in Canada's 3-2 victory in the preliminary round. Taking a 1-0 lead into the third period, the Americans lost their composure when Canada equalized early in the second and pulled ahead less than two minutes later.

"I can bring some things to the table, but don't kid yourself," coach Kevin Dineen said. "I'm going to lean a little bit on Caroline Ouellette, Jayna Hefford, Hayley Wickenheiser and Gillian Apps. Great players who have been in an Olympics or two. They've sat in this seat before."

Canada's win over the U.S. in the round robin ended a four-game losing streak against the Americans, but it doesn't necessarily give Canada the upper hand Thursday.

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Gold-medal preview

• **Canada players to watch:** Marie-Philip Poulin, scored both of Canada's goals in the 2010 final; Hayley Wickenheiser, six-time Olympian hasn't lost a step; Catharine Ward, Canada needs her poise and puck skills on defence.

• **U.S. players to watch:** Amanda Kessel, sister of Maple Leafs forward Phil Kessel and linemates Brianna Decker and Kendall Coyne lead the tournament in scoring; Hilary Knight, forward was the best player for U.S. in pre-Sochi wins over Canada; Jessie Vetter, the U.S. has beat Canada in four of the last five world championships with Vetter leading the way in goal.

CFL

Bombers, Banks agree to contract extension

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers signed Korey Banks to a contract extension on Wednesday that will keep the veteran defensive back in the Manitoba capital for the next two seasons.

The 10-year CFL veteran spent the last eight seasons with the B.C. Lions but was acquired by Winnipeg in a January trade.

Banks has been a CFL all-star five times, a division all-star eight times and has nabbed 37 interceptions in his career — including 27 as an eight-year starter with B.C.

The Boynton Beach, Fla., native started his career with the Ottawa Renegades and recorded 10 interceptions with the club in 2005.

He was signed by the Miami Dolphins of the NFL as an undrafted rookie in 2003 and played two games with the team before moving to the CFL.

Banks finished with 46 tackles, three special-teams tackles, one sack, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries in 2013 with the Lions.

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NHL. Jets, Maurice raring to go after Olympic break

It was back to business for the Winnipeg Jets Wednesday, as they skated for the first time since the Olympic break and prepared to resume their quest for the playoff berth that has eluded the franchise for so many years.

With 22 games left and just over a week until they play again, coach Paul Maurice says he wants to get started right away sharpening defensive neutral-zone play and forechecking without the puck.

"Our sole focus is trying to find ways that we can be more aggressive with it," he said.

The Jets were still minus their four Olympians — forwards Olli Jokinen, Blake Wheeler and Michael Frolik, plus No. 1 netminder Andrej Pavlec remain in Sochi — but they made up for that with a healthy Evander Kane, Jim Slater and Matt Halischuk, who are all back from the injury list.

Slater was out the longest after sports hernia surgery in Montreal.

The centre and one of the team's faceoff leaders last played Oct. 18, but he says he now feels strong and ready to compete.

It's a far different team than the one he left, with the Jets on



The Jets and coach Claude Noel hope to keep their momentum when they return to the ice on Feb. 27. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

a roll since Maurice took over from Claude Noel. They now sit just two points out of that coveted playoff spot.

Slater says it's always tough to be on the sidelines when a new coach comes in.

Maurice's focus may be on getting his team ready for their first game Feb. 27 when the Phoenix Coyotes visit Winnipeg, but Maurice says he's still arranged practice Friday to let the team watch Canada and the U.S. play in the Olympics.

"We've moved practice so that we can get together and watch that as a team," he said.

"It's a big deal so we want to respect that and enjoy it."

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MEDALS

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United States of America	7	5	11	23
Russian Federation	6	9	7	22
Netherlands	6	7	9	22
Norway	9	4	7	20
Canada	5	9	4	18
Germany	8	3	4	15

WHAT CANADA DID

WEDNESDAY

ALPINE SKIING

Men's Giant Slalom — Trevor Philp of Calgary was the top Canadian after the two runs, placing 25th (two minutes 49.55 seconds, +4.26 seconds). Phil Brown of Toronto was 29th (2:49.91) and Morgan Priddy of Whistler, B.C., was 33rd (2:51.96).

BIATHLON

2x6km Women + 2x7.5km Men Mixed Relay — The Canadian team of Megan Imrie (Falcon Lake, Man.), Rosanna Crawford (Canmore, Alta.), Brendan Green (Hay River, N.W.T.) and Scott Perras (Regina), finished 12th with a time of one hour, 13 minutes and 27.7 seconds, four minutes and 10.7 seconds behind gold medalist Norway.

BOBSLEIGH

Women's — Kaillie Humphries (Calgary) and Heather Moyse (Summerside, P.E.I.), successfully defended their **gold medal** with a four-run time of three minutes 50.61 seconds, erasing a 0.23 deficit going into the final two runs to beat United States 1 by a tenth-of-a-second. Jennifer Ciochetti (Edmonton) and Chelsea Valois (Zenon Park, Sask.) placed 13th (3:54.49).

CROSS-COUNTRY

Ladies' Team Sprint Classic Semifinal — Daria Galazova (Banff, Alta.) and Perianne Jones (Almonte, Ont.) were fifth out of the nine teams in their group and did not advance.

Men's Team Sprint Classic Semifinals — Alex Harvey (St. Ferreol-les-Nelges, Que.) and Devon Kershaw (Sudbury, Ont.) were sixth out of 11 teams in their group and did not advance.

CURLING

Women's Semifinal — Canada defeated Great Britain 6-4 and plays Sweden in the gold medal match on Thursday.

Men's Semifinal — Canada defeated China 10-6 and will face Great Britain for the gold medal on Friday.

FIGURE SKATING

Ladies Short Program — Kaetlyn Osmond (Sherwood Park, Alta.) placed 13th with 56.18 points and Gabrielle Daleman (Newmarket, Ont.) was 19th with 52.61 going into Thursday's free program.

ICE HOCKEY

Men's Quarter-final — Canada defeated Latvia 2-1 and will play the U.S. in the semifinal game on Friday.

SNOWBOARD

Ladies' Parallel Giant Slalom — Marianne Leeson (Burlington, Ont.) placed 5th overall, Caroline Calve (Aylmer, Que.) took 6th and Ariane Lavigne (Lac-Supérieur, Que.) was 8th. Each lost their quarter-final race.

Men's Parallel Giant Slalom — Defending gold medalist Jasey Jay Anderson, of Mont-Tremblant, Que., and Matt Morison of Burketon, Ont., made it through qualifying but were eliminated in the next round. Michael Lambert of Toronto failed to make it through qualifying. Anderson placed 14th overall, Morison 15th and Lambert 27th.

SPEED SKATING

Ladies' 5000 m — Ivanie Blondin of Ottawa placed 14th overall with a time of seven minutes 20.10 seconds, 28.56 seconds behind gold medalist Martina Sablikova of the Czech Republic.

CURLING

At Sochi, Russia

All Times Eastern

MEN

Wednesday's results

SEMIFINALS

Canada 10 China 6

Britain 6 Sweden 5

Tuesday's results

TIEBREAKER

Britain 6 Norway 5

Friday's games

BRONZE MEDAL

Sweden vs. China, 3:30 a.m.

GOLD MEDAL

Britain vs. Canada, 8:30 a.m.

WOMEN

Wednesday's results

SEMIFINALS

Canada 6 Britain 4

Sweden 7 Switzerland 5

Thursday's games

BRONZE MEDAL

Britain vs. Switzerland, 3:30 a.m.

GOLD MEDAL

Canada vs. Sweden, 8:30 a.m.

HOCKEY

All times Eastern

MEN

Wednesday's results

QUARTERFINALS

Canada 2 Latvia 1

Sweden 5 Slovenia 0

Finland 3 Russia 1

United States 5 Czech Republic 2

Friday's games

SEMIFINALS

Sweden at Finland, 7 a.m.

Canada at United States, 12 p.m.

Saturday's game

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Semifinal losers, 10 a.m.

Sunday's game

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Semifinal winners, 7 a.m.

CANADA 2, LATVIA 1

First Period

1. Canada, Sharp 1 (Nash) 13:37.

2. Latvia, Darzins 1 (Kulda, Sprukts) 15:41.

Penalties — Sharp Cda (tripping) 6:18, Keith Cda (broken stick) 16:02.

Second Period

No Scoring.

Penalties — Girgensons Lat (slashing) 5:37, St. Louis Cda (slashing) 10:21, Ozolins Lat (high-sticking) 19:33.

Third Period

3. Canada, Weber 1 (Doughty, Toews) 13:06 (pp).

Penalties — Pujaks Lat (slashing) 11:09.

Shots

Latvia 6 5 5—16

Canada 16 19 22—57

Goal — Latvia: Gudlevskis (L); Canada: Price (W). **Power plays (goal-chances)** — Latvia: 0-3; Canada: 1-3.

Referees — Tim Peel, Jyri Ronn. **Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Sakari Suominen.

Attendance — 9,825 at Sochi, Russia.

WOMEN

Thursday's games

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Switzerland at Sweden, 7 a.m.

GOLD MEDAL GAME

Canada at United States, 12 p.m.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

There are a lot of things you need to consider, things that may be of benefit to you in the not too distant future, so don't waste your time socializing when you should be thinking.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Aim to make new friends over the next 24 hours, especially with people whose interests are in some way out of the ordinary. It's not true that Taurus is old-fashioned. In fact, you can be a bit of a rebel.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You will come under pressure today, especially at work where someone in a position of authority will do their best to make life miserable for you. Stay cool and don't let them provoke you.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It is time to move on, with no regrets, no backward glances and no promises that if things don't work out you can always go back. Draw a line in the sand, step across it and embrace the new you.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It will pay you to be ruthless today, especially when dealing with people who always seem to get more out of your relationship than you. Look tough, talk tough and, when the time comes, act tough too.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It may seem as if you're dancing to everyone's tune. Why is that bad? Sometimes it's nice to sit back and let others worry about where to go and what to do next.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Stop worrying about all the little things that may or may not be going wrong and concentrate on the one big thing you would most like to go right. Focus your mind power in a single direction.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Put your own interests first. The Sun in Pisces is giving you a boost of confidence, so make the most of it and make sure everyone knows where you are coming from and what you intend to do.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

As the Sun is moving through the domestic area of your chart it will pay you to focus more on family members than on yourself or your work.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Let people know what is on your mind today. If you keep your thoughts to yourself you will not only feel isolated but you will miss out on a chance to influence the great debate.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Limit spending to essentials today. You know how easy it is to reach into your pocket and find cash for this or that but if you do that now you may have nothing left for the weekend.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Make the most of the Sun in your sign to do something out of the ordinary, something that makes the world sit up and take notice. Don't worry that what you do may be seen as "controversial" — the more people you offend the better.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. SOCHI 2014 - Ice Hockey venue, Bolshoy Ice ___
5. Military cap
9. Derek & The Dominos song
14. Inuit language
16. Dainty cases
17. Contemporary creation: 2 wds.
18. SOCHI 2014 - Rus-Ski ___ Ski Jumping Center
19. SOCHI 2014 - 'I' of IOC [abbr.]
20. "You Needed Me" bit: "___ a tear..."
21. Fifty Shades of Grey novelist, ___
25. Ford product
26. See, in Dutch
27. Author, ___ May Alcott
28. ___ fide
29. Elevs.
30. 17th-century sailor, Captain ___
31. Unique
33. Caesar's 1051
35. Choler
37. Fire: French
38. Canadian guitarist renowned for Mediterranean music
41. Time
42. Fruit-filled pastry
44. Singer Mr. Cruz
45. Seed holder
47. Search
49. Actor Mr. Hauer
51. Pre-afternoon hrs.



52. ___ excellence
53. Go to a restaurant: 2 wds.
54. Relishes: 2 wds.
56. Examination
57. "That was ___!" (I had fun!)
58. Body of water for Saint Petersburg, Russia: 2 wds.

63. "Do you get the birthday ___ sent?"
64. "We Were Born to Glory" Canadian singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
65. Shakira album: "Donde ___ los Ladrones?"
66. Formal gr.

67. Leave out
- Down**
1. Faint
2. Yoko's surname
3. Soaked soil
4. Barely get by
5. Actor Greg
6. Les ___-Unis (United States, in French)
7. Knitting stitch

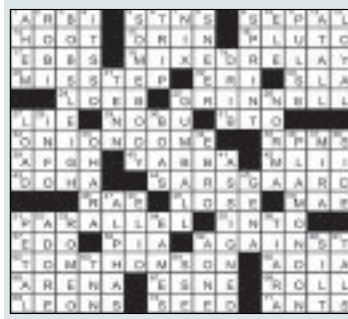
8. Addams Family relative
9. Painful 'pin' problem: 2 wds.
10. 'Origin' suffix
11. Doctor played by Omar Sharif: 2 wds.
12. Appreciate something: 2 wds.
13. Digressions

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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15. Pares
20. Sir McKellen link
21. "Hot in Cleveland" role
22. Meat cut
23. SOCHI 2014 - Figure Skating, for example: 2 wds.
24. Helpful human
25. Heart: French
28. Crack
32. Following
34. Coffee order
36. Boney M. disco hit
39. Stead
40. ___ cloud, as per Astronomy
43. Soap opera star Mr. Rogers
45. Royal residence
46. "Mutual of ___ Wild Kingdom"
48. The Raven writer's monogram
50. Up to
53. Quebec's flag symbol, Fleur-___
55. Pop
56. Artsy spot in New Mexico
58. Undergarment
59. Mountain basin
60. "...or ___ thought."
61. Dawn goddess
62. Promos

Yesterday's Crossword

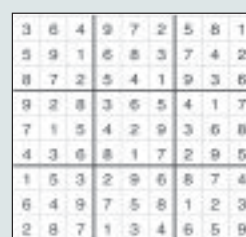


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



MAX: -10°
MIN: -15°



MAX: -14°
MIN: -19°



MAX: -14°
MIN: -23°



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